

### Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraphs on page 4, lines 12-15 with the following replacement paragraphs:

Fig. 4 is an enlarged partial view of a knit tubular member of the catheter of Fig. 1; and

Figs. 5 and 6 are cross-sectional views of a proximal section of an alternate embodiment alternate embodiments of the catheter of Fig. 1.

Corresponding reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 1 with the following replacement paragraph:

The proximal segment 124 may also comprise a stiffener interposed between an inner liner and an outer cover. The inner liner and outer cover may comprise the materials specified herein for the inner liner 126 and outer cover 130 of the distal segment 122. The outer cover and inner liner of the proximal section may be formed from the same material as the outer cover and inner liner of the distal section, or from different materials. The stiffener may be a knit, braided or coil member comprising a metal alloy such as nitinol or stainless steel, or a polymeric material. The knit stiffener from the distal section may extend into the proximal section. The braid may be formed from a single wire or multiple wires and may comprise more than one material. The coil may be formed from a helically wound wire, having a circular or rectangular cross-section (i.e., ribbon), for example. As shown in Fig. 5, the proximal segment 106 may include a braid 210 interposed between an inner proximal liner 212 and an outer proximal cover 214. As shown in Fig. 6, a coil 216 may also be interposed between the inner liner 212 and the outer cover 214.